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A Supplemental Appeal Brief has been filed by appellants on 2-26-04. The Appeal Brief (dated 10-14-03) presented only one issue before the board i.e., whether the rejection of claims 12-41 are unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over US patent No. 5,496,544 and hence is proper. However, the supplemental brief is refused under 37 CFR 1.195 because the issue raised in the supplemental brief has not been presented in a properly presented appeal brief.

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